

EPA Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

Cincinnati, OH

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

EPA awarded the City of Cincinnati supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. In 1997, the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County adopted the necessary ordinances to create the Port Authority for Brownfields Redevelopment as an independent economic authority that exclusively targets brownfields redevelopment. It is regional in nature, serving 21 cities, 16 villages, 12 townships, and the county. The Port has become the local clearinghouse for brownfields information and assistance.

The Pilot will use supplemental assistance to focus on two brownfields, both of which have already undergone Phase I assessment. One property is Green Industries, a nine-acre site with a 160,000-square-foot building that was once the home of an electroplating and metal finishing business. The other site, Millennium Chemical, is a former research laboratory that sits on five acres and consists of 18 buildings.

OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The Pilot's goal is to assist and enhance existing private and public brownfield and economic development efforts. The supplemental assistance

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Cincinnati, Ohio

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Profile: The Pilot will target two brownfields properties, Green Industries and Millennium Chemical, for Phase II site assessments and develop and inventory additional potential redevelopment sites in Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

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will help the Pilot acquire the two targeted brownfields and take them through the state's Voluntary Action Program (VAP) for eventual cleanup and redevelopment. The Millennium Chemical property is one of several properties being assembled for a larger redevelopment and job retention project. In collaboration with the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, University of Cincinnati, the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, and Cinergy, the Pilot will also develop the Urban Property Redevelopment Information System (UPRISE), an initiative to identify, map, and inventory additional old commercial and industrial properties with redevelopment potential.

To accomplish these objectives, the Pilot plans to:

- Conduct Phase II site assessments at the Green Industries site;
- Conduct Phase II site assessments at the Millennium Chemical site; and
- Develop a GIS database (UPRISE) to inventory potential redevelopment sites in Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.